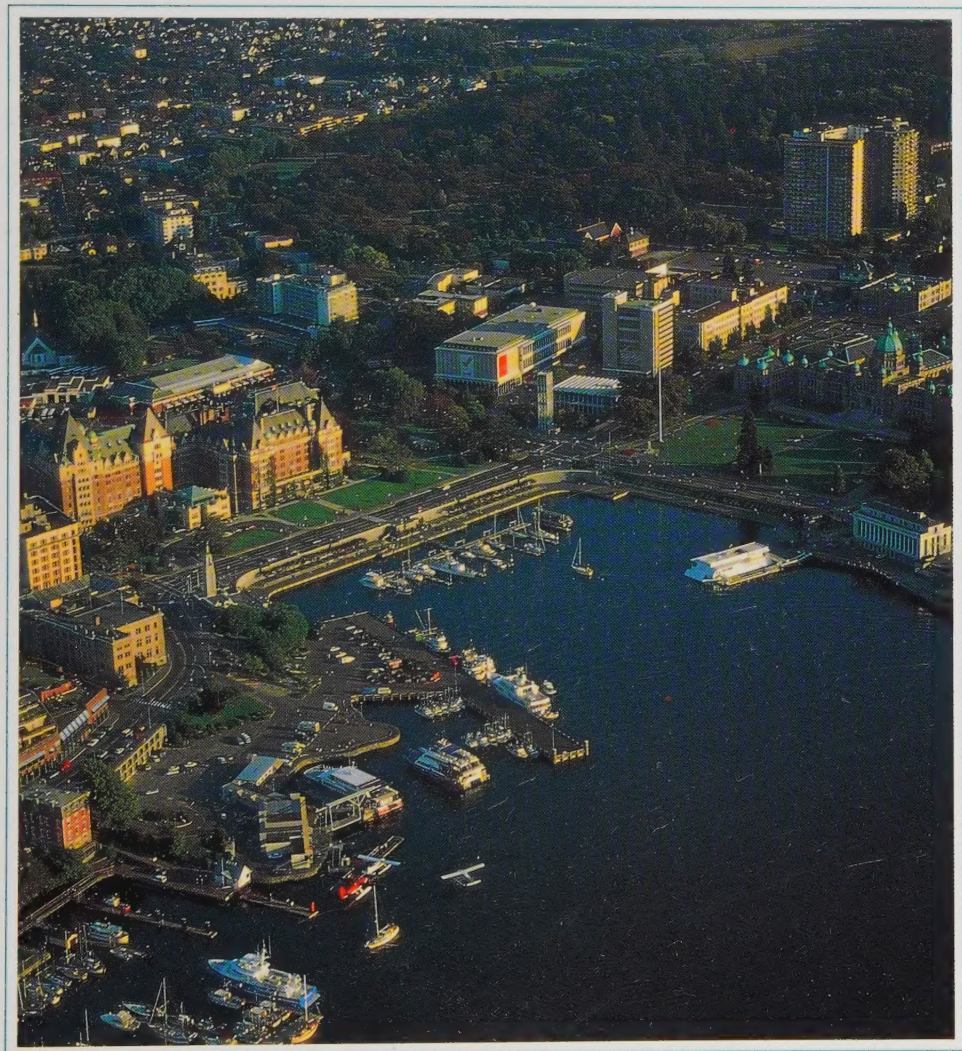


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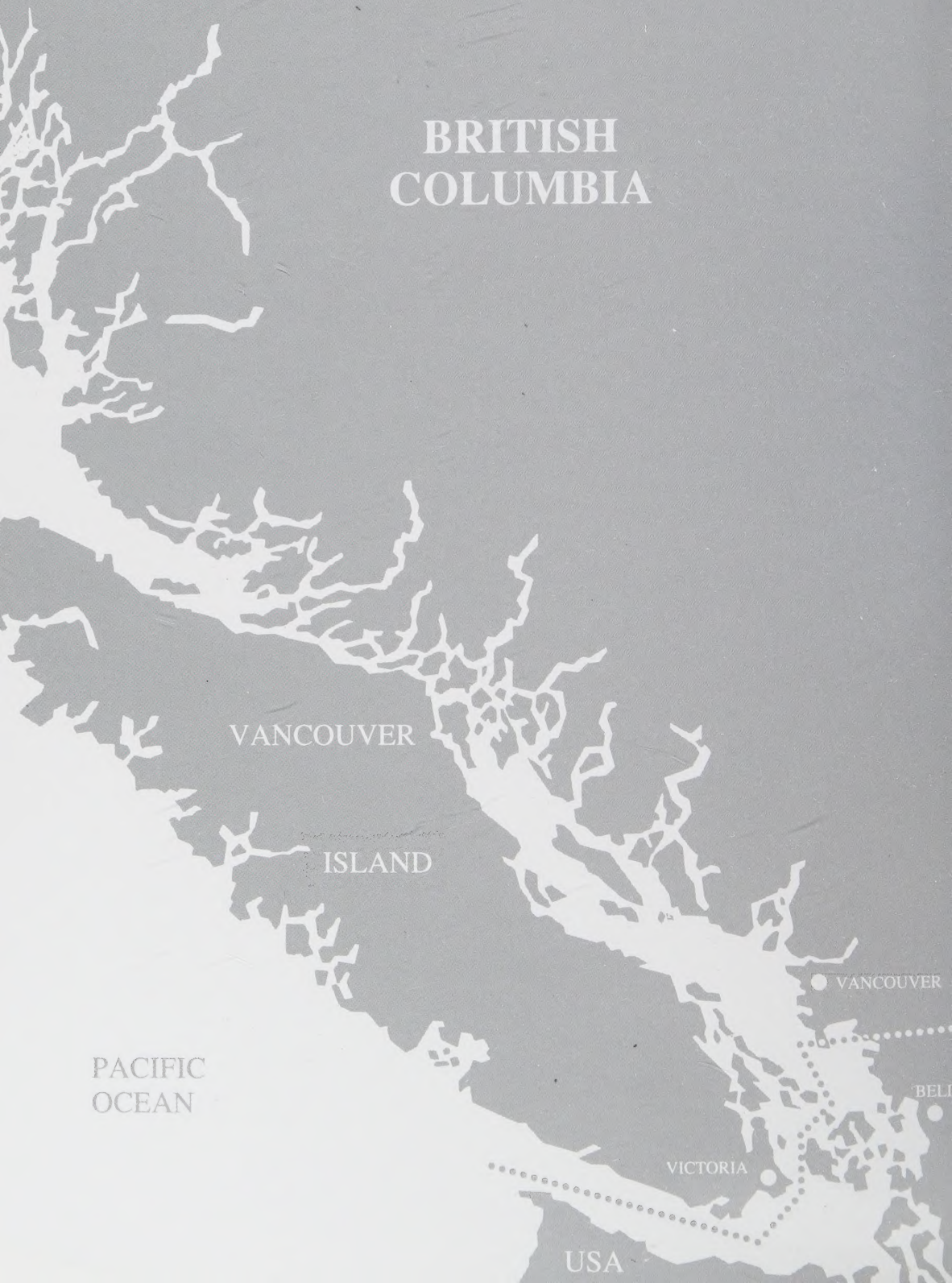
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Cover: The quaint inner harbour as viewed from the air.

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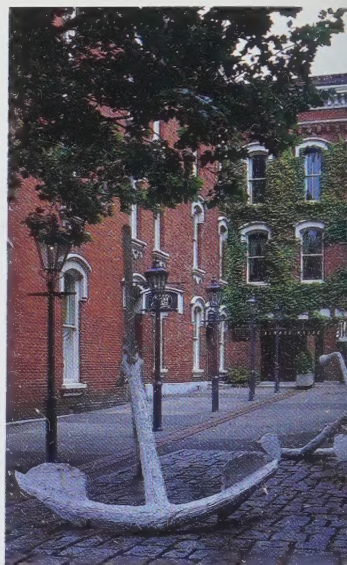
Upper Left: Anchors in the past. Bastion Square, the site of Fort Victoria, built in 1943.

Lower Left: Over 3,500 light bulbs illuminate the Legislative Buildings against an amethyst sky of twilight.

Center: Originally Victoria's first Courthouse, now the Maritime Museum, located in Bastion Square.

Upper Right: The hustle and bustle of crews on the many colourful sailing craft moored in the Inner Harbour.

Lower Right: The Empress Hotel and one of Victoria's world famous lampposts adorned with a hanging basket.





Upper Left: Located above the pedestrian causeway, the Empress Hotel has offered elegant accommodation since the turn of the century.

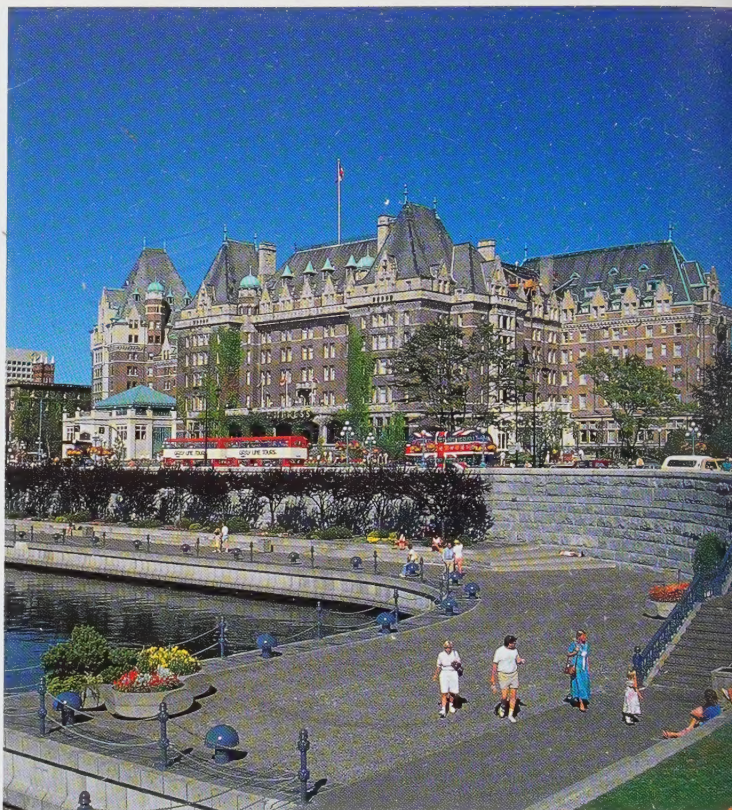
Lower Left: Fountain behind the Legislature has stunning bronze likenesses of native B.C. fauna: wolf, cougar, bear, eagle, salmon.

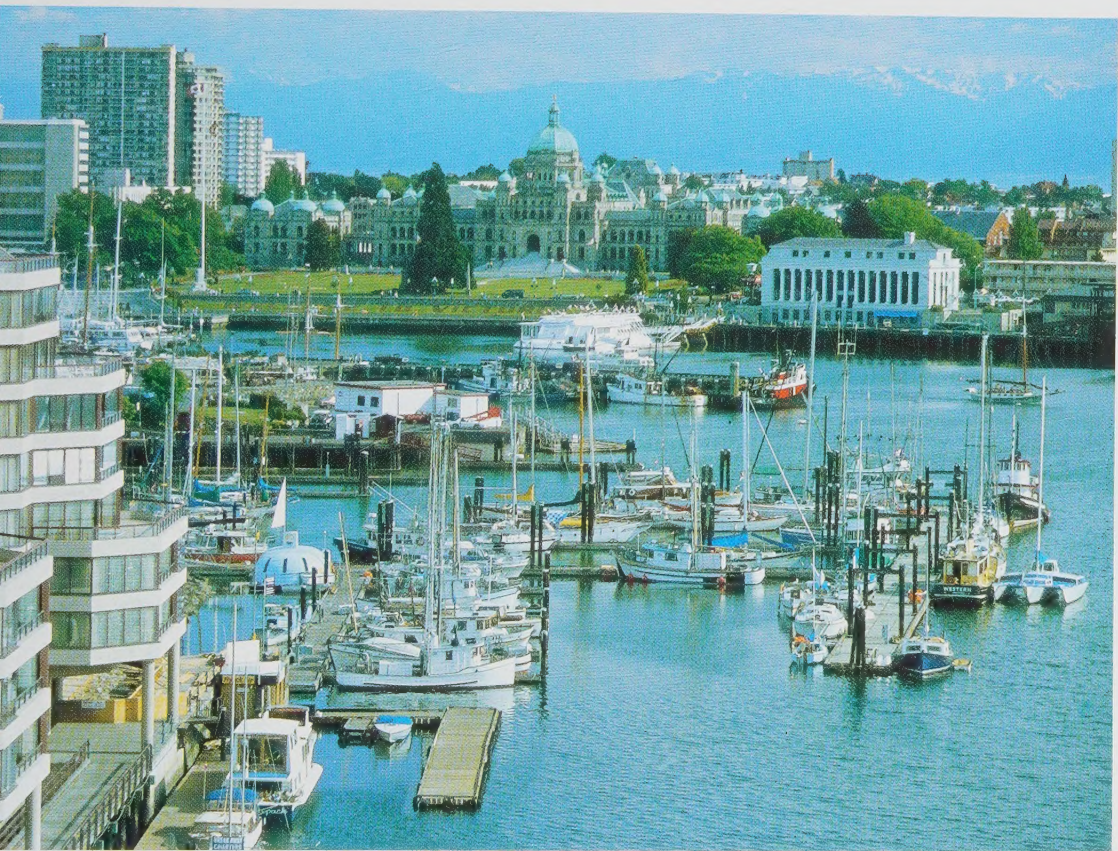
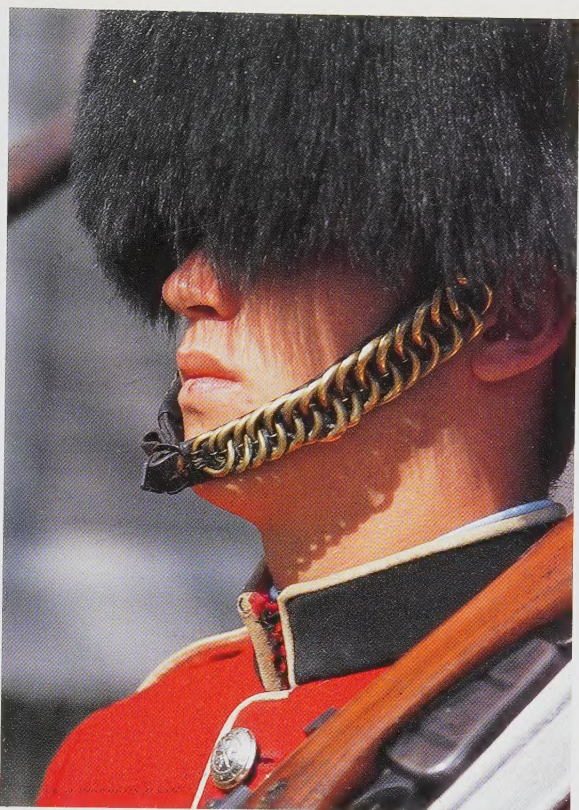
Center: Totem outside the Royal British Columbia Museum is one of many in an outstanding collection.

Upper Right: Half-hidden expression on British guard at Heritage Village on Belleville street.

Lower Right: Looking south along the waterfront. The Olympic Mountains form a magnificent backdrop to this lovely city.

Succeeding Page: Windsurfers enjoy the stiff breezes off of Finlayson Point.









Upper Left: Confederation Park, opened in 1967, displays the proud symbols of Canada.

Lower Left: The Victoria Clipper enters the inner harbour at the end of its trip from downtown Seattle.

Center: Residents and tourists alike enjoy the serenity of the Laurel Point Inn.

Upper Right: Victoria's colourful trademark: a cluster street lamp decorated with a hanging flower basket.

Lower Right: Enjoy a relaxing stroll in the amber light of evening on the Lower Causeway.





Center: Many styles and materials have built Victoria, as evidenced by this wooden belfry and the brick chimneys.

Lower Left: A flowery glimpse of the Legislative Building and its copper-green cupolas.

Right: Thunderbird Park, one of the world's finest totem pole exhibits. These are "hands-on" displays for all to enjoy.



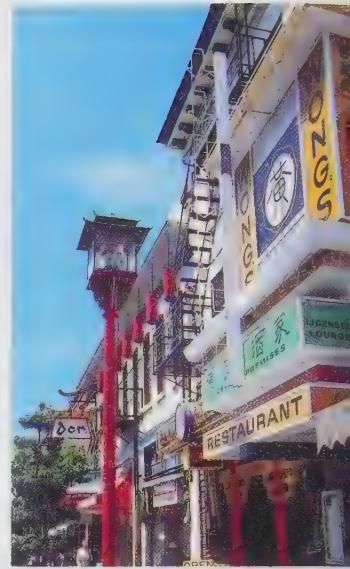


Upper Left: Chinatown, with its spicy aromas, delicate, tinkling wind chimes and streets lined with crates of exotic and local produce, is a **MUST** to visit. Oriental restaurants offer excellent fare and at very reasonable prices. Gift shops and bakeries add to the variety. Fan Tan Alley, Canada's narrowest street, was once famous for its illegal gambling houses, and it's a well known fact that there were a few opium dens around — way back when. Today the Alley is home

to less shady characters — artists and honest shopkeepers — so come on down and look around. You're sure to find an interesting item or two to take home as a memoir of your trip to Victoria.

Lower Left: The "Gate of Harmonious Interest" was crafted in our sister city of Suchow, China, and erected in 1981.

Right: Beacon Hill park features a variety of blooming foliage all year round.





Upper Left: Market Square shopping mall offers a unique setting for its' array of boutique style shops.

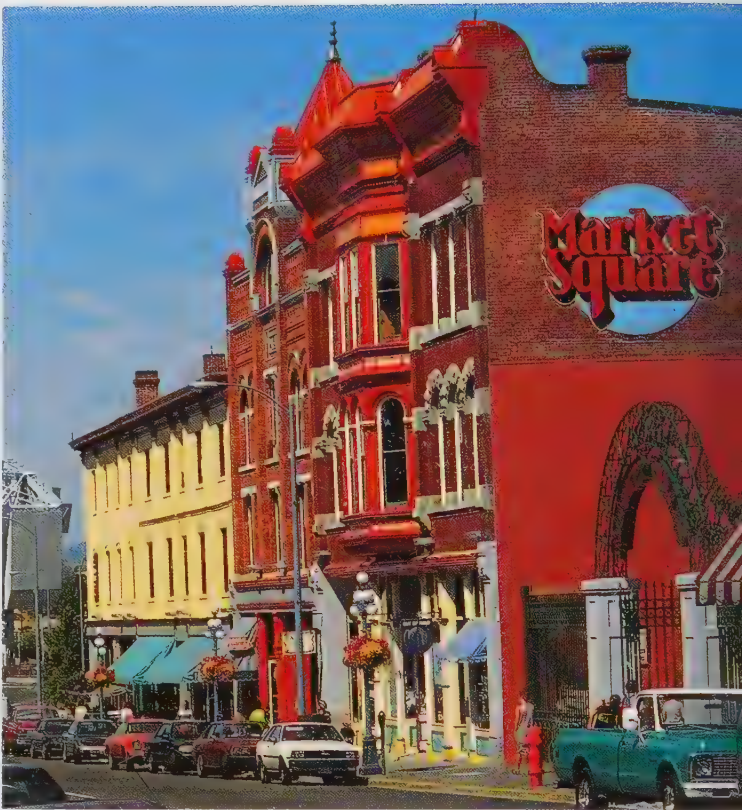
Lower Left: City Hall, designed by master architect John Teague and built in 1878, has now been beautifully restored.

Center: The 72 inch lens of the Astrophysical Observatory's telescope is one of the world's largest.

Upper Right: Carr House on lower Government Street, the birthplace of Emily Carr, author and artist par excellence.

Lower Right: An aerial view looking across Ogden Point at the downtown core.

Following Page: The garden spells out a welcome to one and all. The enchantingly lit Legislative Buildings dominate this serene evening scene.









Center: The Royal London Wax Museum contains over 170 life-sized figures in realistic exhibits.

Below: The Undersea Gardens house thousands of marine plants and animals in natural surroundings.

Right: The Tally-Ho Wagons — a wonderful way to see the city. The huge Clydesdales and Belgians are magnificent to observe.



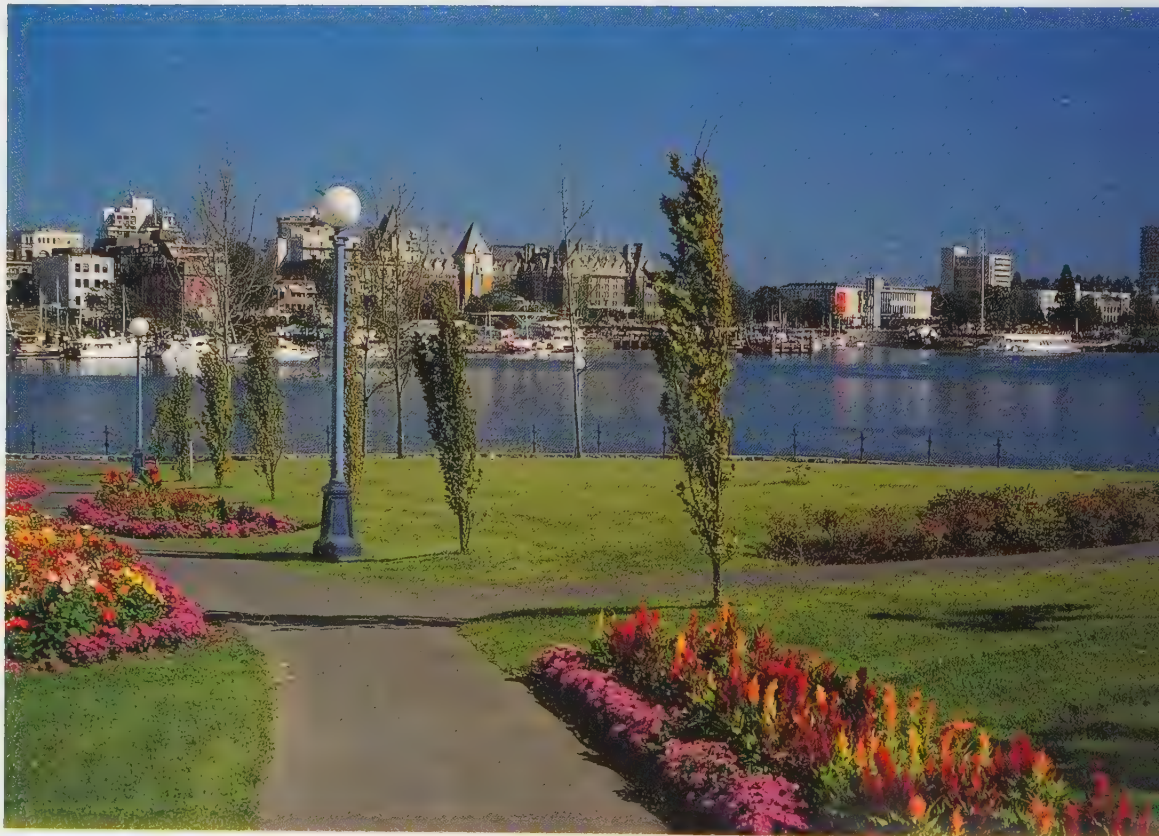


Upper Left: The MV Coho departs the inner harbour en route to Port Angeles, Washington.

Lower Left: A panoramic view of the inner harbour.

Center and Upper Right: The Crystal Gardens, originally built in 1925 as the largest salt-water swimming pool in the British Empire, now renovated, contains luxuriant tropical gardens, exotic birds, monkeys and a cascading waterfall.

Lower Right: Craigdarroch Castle, the dream home that Robert Dunsmuir, once a coal miner from Scotland, promised his bride on their passage to Canada.





Center: The pastoral setting of Royal Roads Military College in Colwood, just west of the city.

Lower Left: Fisgard Lighthouse, a National Historic Site, is the oldest lighthouse on B.C.'s coast, and has been restored to its original 1859 condition. Open all year.

Right: A majestic Arbutus overlooking Victoria's harbour. These splendid trees shed their leaves in summer and their bark in winter!





Upper Left: Billowing spinnakers, it's the Annual Swiftsure Yacht Race, a world-class event held in late May.

Lower Left: Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel amid the fawn lilies in rural Metchosin.

Center: A popular local sport, hangliding lets you soar like a gull through the bluest of skies in the updrafts over the Dallas Road cliffs.

Upper Right: A graceful fountain adorns a duck pond in the garden paradise of Beacon Hill Park.

Lower Right: Cyclists silhouetted against the saffron blush of sunset. The wild southern border of Beacon Hill Park, along Dallas Road, is a favorite spot of cyclists, joggers, strolling couples and summertime sunbathers.





Upper Left: Vermilion Bridge in the Japanese gardens at Butchart Gardens.

Lower Left: An aerial view of the magnificent grounds of the Butchart Gardens.

Center: Daffodils and white narcissus mean springtime. "Ah, to be in Victoria now that spring is here." (Whatever the season, since 1904, when Mrs. Jennie Butchart was inspired to transform her husband's limestone quarry into a place of gardens, Butchart Gardens is a total delight. In summer there are nightly illuminations, fireworks and live entertainment.)

Upper Right: The many colors of Butchart Gardens.

Lower Right: This sunny bench is just asking to be sat upon.

Following Page: Cultivated formality, color and form at Butchart Gardens. Notice the remnant smokestack of the old cement factory in the upper right.









Upper Left: The B.C. Ferry, Queen of Vancouver, in the Gulf Islands on its Swartz Bay to Tsawassen run.

Lower Left: Golfing at the Victoria Golf Club in Oak Bay. The Trial Island Lighthouse offshore and the Olympic Mountains make a magnificent backdrop.

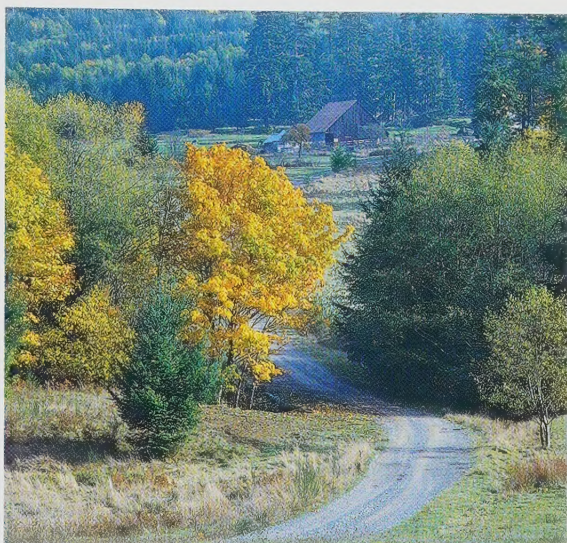
Center: Catch one of these big chinooks in the waters off Victoria.

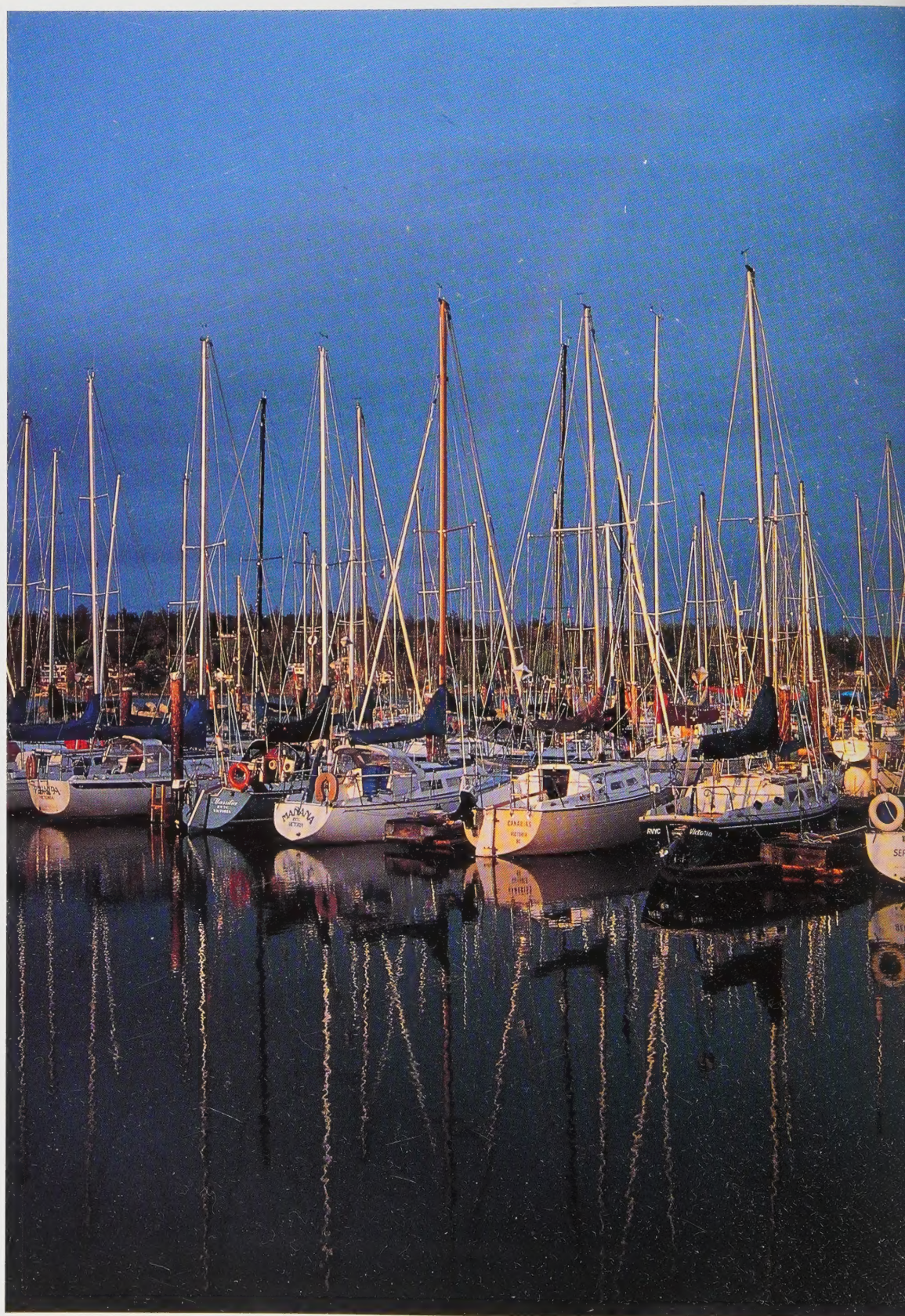
Upper Right: A peaceful rural setting just outside the city. Our farms once supplied fresh produce for the coastal communities from California to Alaska.

Lower Right: Orcas, or Killer Whales, are often sighted as they glide along the coast.

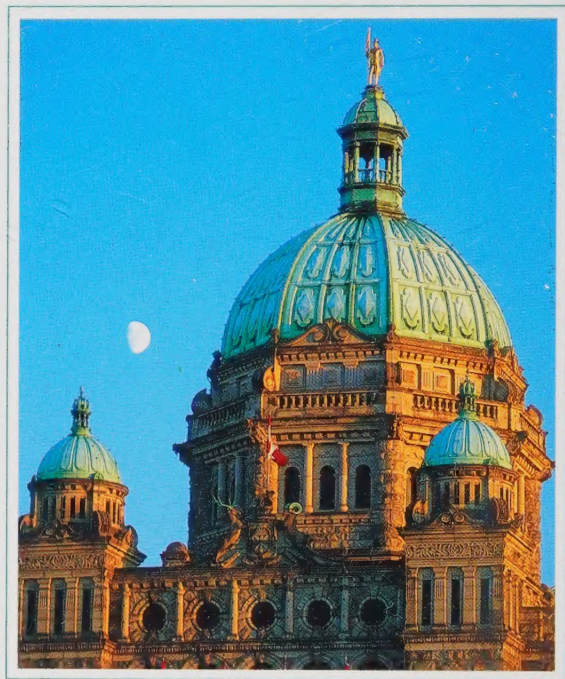
Following Page: A spectacular rainbow above the Royal Victoria Yacht Club at sunset.







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Founded in 1843, the city has developed into a jewel of the Pacific Northwest.



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